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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION
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FELIPE, SUAREZ,

Civil Action No.: 07 CV 1707

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

AJ GOLDSTEIN & CO., ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, ALAN L. MERRIL ANN TAYLOR STORES CORORATION, BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BETTY JEAN GRANQUIST, **BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC** CATASTOPHE, INC., D/B/A BMS CAT, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HUDSON VIEW EAST CONDOMINUM, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., BT PRIVATE CLIENTS CORP., CAROL GAYNOR TRUST, CAROL GAYNOR, AS A TRUSTEE OF THE CAROL GAYNOR TRUST, CAROL MERRIL GAYNOR, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST CORPORATION, ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR INC., FRED GOLDSTEIN, GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULANTS, INC.,

HARLAND GAYNOR, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A DECLARATION OF TRUST, HAROLD G. GOLDSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A DECLARATION OF TRUST, HERMAN L. BLUM, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LOUIS W. GOLDSTEIN, HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., HUDSON VIEWEAST CONDOMINIUM. HUDSON VIEW TOWERS ASSOCIATES, IDELL GOLDSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE UNDER DECLARATION OF TRUST, INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., MARGARET G. WATER, MARGUERITE K. LEWIS, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LOUIS W. GOLDSTEIN, MATTHEW A. GELBIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE GELBIN FAMILY, MERRILL LYNCH & CO, INC., NATALIE S LEBOW, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JEREMIAH PHILIP LEBOW REVOCABLE TRUST, NATALIE S. LEBOW, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JERRY P. LEBOW FAMILY TRUST, NEW YORK UBNIVERSITY, NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., PAMELA BETH KLEIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE PAMELA AND ROWAN KLEINTRUST, RY MANAGEMENT CO., INC., ROWAN K. KLEIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE PAMELA AND ROWAN KLEIN TRUST, RUTH G. LEBOW, RY MANAGEMENT, SHIRLEY G. SHOCKLEY, AS A TRUSTEE UNDERDECLARATION OF TRUST, STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., SYLVIA R. GOLDSTEIN, THE BANK OF NEW YORK T RUST COMPANY NA, TISHMAN INTERIORS CORPORATION, TOSC, ET AL.

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Defendant(s).

COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts

ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York January 2, 2008

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